



## WAR TO GO ON

### Czar Says Will Be Fight to Finish.

### PEACE IS NOT WANTED

### Would Subject the Government to Criticism if It Surrendered.

### BELIEVES THEY CAN SUCCEED

### Czar Says Campaign Will Be Pushed With Utmost Energy and Max Confidence That Kuropatkin Can Whip Oyama.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—The emperor of Russia has declined all overtures for peace and has elected to continue the war. His position is absolutely firm and the German court has been advised in that sense.

The war will be pressed with the utmost energy, the domestic situation now being within the control of the authorities. Those who have advised peace and suggested inquiries for Japan's terms, the French and British governments are for the present silent and are likely to remain so unless something extraordinary shakes the Russian emperor's resolution. The considerations that led to the emperor's decision as understood here are: First—The judgment of the chiefs of the army is that Field Marshal Oyama not only cannot defeat Kuropatkin, but stands in danger of defeat himself. How cowardly, therefore, for Russia to ask for mercy, with all the men and money essential to success.

Second—All the forces of criticism now directed against the government for having fought rather than yielded to legitimate interests and for having failed to win victory would be continued with added fury against the government that accepted the war and then betrayed the country. A government that would crave peace of Russia's enemy while still capable of winning victory would be giving the party of change genuine grounds for a revolution. The facts of the military situation, love of country and arguments of expediency were all against peace and for pressing the war hopefully.

### No Use for Russians.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—The Examiner says today that the three officers of the Russian cruiser Lena, who broke their parole here and returned to Russia, will in all probability be allowed to remain there. The Japanese consul in this city is accredited with the statement that the Japanese government is not desirous of having the officers compelled to return here. This will relieve the United States government of the necessity of demanding their return which would have to be done should Japan make complaint.

### CAPE MAY DESTROYED.

### Unknown Explosion Causes a Disasterous Fire.

New York, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to the Herald from Cape May, Court House, N. J., says fire, which was started early today by an explosion of some unknown substance, is sweeping the business section of the town. It was summoned by special train from Cape May City. It is likely the loss will reach \$100,000.

The fire started in Furman's Furniture and Hardware Store. Ten small establishments were destroyed in short order, including meat markets, grocery and dry goods stores and several law offices.

A small hotel and several other buildings were ablaze before assistance arrived from Cape May City.

### American Game.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—The mail steamer Ventura, sailing today for Sydney, N. S. W., via Auckland and Honolulu carries a large number of

deer, elk, geese, and ducks. They were purchased in this country by the New Zealand government, which has appropriated \$25,000 for stocking the country with different kinds of game.

### NIEDRINGHAUS TO RETIRE.

### Will Not Be Candidate for Senator in Missouri.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 23.—Niedringhaus is getting ready to release us, was the information passed about among republican leaders today. Just where it came from was not easily traced at first, but it developed later that Niedringhaus had indicated to his lieutenants that he was ready for them to see what could be done in the direction of getting together on someone else. He has not announced to anybody that he intended to withdraw his name, but the first move has been to encourage talking of someone else.

### LUMBER MILLS COMBINE.

### Prices of Boxes Will Be Advanced in California.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—The lumber mills and box manufacturers of the Pacific coast reached an agreement today which will soon result in an increase in the cost of boxes, according to the Call. Parties prominent in the proceedings deny that any agreement was reached concerning the percentage of advance, but admit an increase is in view. Canning companies have been informed of an advance of 10 per cent. The meeting of the Pacific coast lumbermen's manufacturing association have decided on an advance in prices of about 50 cents all along the line, with the exception of lath, which is advanced 25 cents.

### Volcanic Eruption.

Mexico City, Feb. 23.—The volcano of Colima is emitting great clouds of thick smoke which rises high above the crater. Many people living in the neighborhood are preparing for flight. The government will send a commission of experts to pronounce on the probable danger from the eruption.

## WASHINGTON SOLONS

### Osteopath Bill Killed in the House Today.

### IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS

### Senate Passes a Bill Making It a Felony to Sell Milk Containing Formaldehyde, Also Regulating Sanitary Conditions.

Olympia, Feb. 23.—The senate osteopath bill, which has passed the senate and which requires osteopaths to submit to an examination before the board of medical examiners, was killed in the house today with no appreciable opposition.

The house passed senate bills making it a felony to sell milk containing formaldehyde, also prescribing regulations for maintaining sanitary conditions in all hotels and restaurant kitchens, also fixing life imprisonment as a maximum penalty for assisting prisoners to escape from the penitentiary with the use of explosives.

The senate passed the voters identification bill, which seeks to prevent illegal voting by prescribing certain means of identification of voters. All of these bills have passed the house.

### Denies He Was Married.

Kalama, Wash., Feb. 23.—Startling developments in the divorce case of Eliza Bessonnott vs. Louis N. Bessonnott in the shape of a denial from the defendant that they were ever married occurred in court here yesterday. Mrs. Bessonnott states in her complaint that she was married to the defendant 41 years ago; that four years after the wedding the defendant deserted her, came west and married again, illegally. Bessonnott claims he had perfect right to marry if he wanted to, as he was never married to Eliza Bessonnott.

The case furnished a sensation for the annals of divorce actions in Cowlick county. The attorneys will be allowed to file briefs and thus verbal arguments and the attending excitement and acrimonious debate will be avoided. No decision has been rendered.

## WARSAW WAR

### Strikers Committed Some Depredations.

### SITUATION IS CRITICAL

### Assistant Governor General Admitted He is Powerless to Act.

### THREATENED COAL FAMINE

### The Strike is Spreading in Every Direction and No Hopes of a Settlement and Poland is Cut Off From Communications.

Warsaw, Feb. 23.—The situation here is creating greatest anxiety in all circles. Assistant governor general today frankly admitted that he was at a loss to know what to do.

Alarming reports are current concerning the intentions of the revolutionary party which has set March 4 as a day for a general strike and riot and bloodshed can hardly be averted. The strike is spreading in every direction. Bank clerks, journalists, servants, printers, drivers, engineers and mechanics are joining the strike and work of all kinds is suspended. No papers are being published.

The Vienna railroad is completely tied up and is at a standstill with no hope of a settlement.

Western Poland is cut off from all communications, except by telegraph. This city is threatened with a coal famine and as no trains are running it is impossible to procure any.

Many troops are going to Moscow and to St. Petersburg and are detained. A telephone message from Lodz states that the laborers in the big mills resumed work at the old wages, but it is thought to be only temporary. The strikers are resorting to violence and are cutting off all communications by cutting telegraph wires and destroying switch boards practically cutting off all communication. Serious trouble is impending and a riot is momentarily expected.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—The cities in southern Russia and in the Caucasus proper center interest in the week's strike developments, though sporadic strikes are reported in all portions of Russia. Riots on railroads radiating Moscow are very serious and the situation is serious. In Caucasus region the authorities appear for a moment to have gained the upper hand but the situation may at any time pass out of their control.

Telegraphic communications were restored to Batoum this evening and dispatches received from the city indicate that the authorities have regained control, but the marauders are unceasingly active. Baku also reports comparative quiet. No news from Poti or Kutais, but it is presumed that they have been temporarily pacified. On the other hand, other cities outside of Caucasus are in a condition of complete disorder, owing to the strikes. The forces of law and order are apparently unable to prevent strikers resorting to tactics of followers in St. Petersburg and marching from shop to shop and forcing out every workman. St. Petersburg workmen have temporarily resumed operations but possess a spirit of unrest, and their sense of power is being fed by incendiary proclamations, the latest of which alludes to the emperor as "Nicholas last."

### NEWS FROM MANCHURIA.

### Report of Great Events in Progress Are Denied.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—A second day has passed without any dispatches having been given out from Kuropatkin, which interpreted, supports the rumors that great events are in progress in Manchuria. The war office, however, steadfastly maintains that there is no important news and no new

developments since last dispatches were made public, in which the commander in chief reports all quiet with the exception of minor operations toward the eastward.

### COMBINE TO DEFEND.

### All Indicted for Land Frauds Will Combine in Defense.

Portland, Feb. 23.—Realizing that only the most determined effort on their part will avail against the aggressive attitude of the government, those who have been indicted by the federal grand jury as a result of the investigation into the Oregon land frauds are taking steps toward the formation of a combination to fight the charges in the United States court. This combination is akin to a pooling of interests. The defendants are to be bound together by a common tie and a fund to employ the very smartest and best known criminal lawyers in the entire United States to conduct the defense will be the result.

The interests at stake are to the defendants appalling. Distribution of political patronage of an entire state and domination in politics are issues of no mean importance that are being fought for. Hence the fight will be the hardest that has been fought in a court of the United States in many a year.

### Mining Company Formed.

Butte, Feb. 23.—A minor special from Helena says that articles of incorporation were filed with the state this afternoon of the King and Queen Mining Company, capitalized at \$1,000,000 by a number of Pennsylvania mining men. The company's office will be at Pittsburg. Well known mining property at Carter, Mont., will be extensively developed.

### Wife Was Poisoned.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Dr. Otto Lemke who has been conducting a chemical investigation to determine whether or not Mrs. Marie Welker Hoch, the last wife of Johann Hoch, was poisoned, declared that he had found conclusive proof of arsenical poisoning in the kidneys of the woman.

## ANOTHER OUTRAGE

### Black Sea Russian Squadron Bombarding Poti.

### STRIKERS NUMBER 40,000

### Alarming Reports Are Current Concerning the Situation at Batoum and An English Merchant Says He Was Obligated to Flee.

Constantinople, Feb. 23.—Alarming reports are current concerning the situation at Batoum and Poti. It is alleged that some vessels of the Black Sea squadron (Russian) have commenced to bombard Poti. An English merchant, who has just arrived, says he was obliged to flee from Batoum where the lives of the people are menaced by the strikers.

The merchants say the authorities of Batoum are powerless as the strikers number over 40,000 and the city is in the control of the strikers. All the steamship lines between Constantinople and Batoum are suspended and all communication is cut off. The situation is alarming.

### HONORS ARE EVEN.

### Statement That North Sea Incident Is Favorable to England.

Paris, Feb. 23.—The international commission appointed to inquire into the North sea incident practically concluded its work tonight by finally agreeing on a report which will be publicly announced Saturday. Concerning the report the following statement was made from the most authoritative quarters to the Associated Press, and it states that the admirals sought a middle ground and the decision is not pronounced a victory to either side.

It is of such a character as to preserve Russia's self-respect and at the same time give the British public much more ground for satisfaction. If anything, the decision is more favorable to Great Britain than to Russia. On the other hand, Havas agency says: "Conclusions as a whole are quite favorable to Russia."

## HARBOR BILL

### River and Harbor Bill Passes.

### WITHOUT AMENDMENTS

### Except Such as Had Been Previously Recommended by the Committee.

### COLUMBIA BAR AND JETTY

### Amounts as Originally Agreed Upon by the Committee and Suggested by Senator Fulton Included in the Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Without a dollar being added or subtracted, the river and harbor bill passed the house today after the session had run well into the evening.

The amount carried by the bill is about \$17,250,000. During the time the bill was being considered by the house it was impeded by many amendments offered from representatives whose sections had not been included in the bill and for which no appropriation had been made. All the amendments were voted down and only such added as had been previously recommended by the committee. The bill makes appropriation for continuing work on the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river as suggested by Senator Fulton and Representative Jones, and although not as large an amount as was demanded and desired, yet under the circumstances and strenuous objections of Chairman Burton, Oregon has fared well.

There has been a strong disposition on the part of the administration to insist on a policy of economy in all appropriations always demanded.

### HAVEN'T HEARD OF IT.

### President Roosevelt and Foreign Missionaries Not Appraised.

Washington, Feb. 23.—At the White House and at the state department, and at the Russian, French, German, English or Italian embassies and Japanese legation, where inquiries were made regarding rumors of peace between Russia and Japan, positive statements were made that if either belligerents were thinking of proposing peace, it was secretly locked up in the foreign office at St. Petersburg. President Roosevelt has heard absolutely nothing of avowed intention on the part of Russia or Japan to sue for peace.

### CANAL ZONE BILL.

### Bill for Government of Panama Passes Senate.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The bill for the government of the Panama canal zone which passed the senate today is the house bill. The bill was amended in several important respects by the senate, notably eliminating the provision abolishing the canal commission. The measure will now go to conference if the amendments are not accepted by the house. The measure is temporary in character, its provisions expiring at the first regular session of the next congress.

### AN EXTRA SESSION.

### President Roosevelt Calls Extra Session of Congress.

Washington, Feb. 23.—In view of the fact that public interests require it, President Roosevelt today issued a call for the congress to meet in extraordinary session on March 4 next, to receive such communications as may be made by the executive.

### CORNELIUS NAMED.

### To Be Postmaster at Hillsboro on Recommendation of Fulton.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The president today on recommendation of Senator

Fulton, nominated B. P. Cornelius as postmaster at Hillsboro. This is the first appointment Senator Fulton has asked for since the cabinet officers decided there should be no more appointments in Oregon until after the land fraud trials, and is significant, in that it shows the president's intention to permit Fulton to control the patronage while the other members of the delegation are under indictment. This appointment overturns the rule to make no new appointments to office filled by Grand Army men.

### FULTON DENIES IT.

### Says He Never Was Attorney for A. B. Hammond.

Washington, Feb. 23.—In reply to an item appearing in a Portland paper to the effect that investigation is being made of the purchase of timber lands by A. B. Hammond from Kriks and Pillsbury and intimating that these purchases had been made through Mitchell, Tanner and Senator Fulton, Mr. Fulton says:

As a matter of fact I never was attorney for Hammond or his representatives in any way, shape or form in the matter of the acquisition of any lands whatever. I never did any land business for him. I never did any land business in the sense of representing any person who was purchasing or acquiring public lands. I defy anyone to show that I have ever helped any person whatsoever in the acquisition of public lands. I never had anything to do with acquisition of public lands for myself or any other person.

### Harper Improving.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—The condition of President Harper of the University of Chicago is said to be improving. The patient took solid nourishment today and slept restfully most of the time.

### Haney With President.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Francis J. Haney, United States district attorney for Oregon, lunched with President Roosevelt today.

## HOLD NIGHT SESSION

### Senate Listens to Testimony in Swayne Trial.

### ARGUMENT HAS COMMENCED

### No Indications As to What the Result Will Be and the Case is Being Closely Contested by Government and by Swayne.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The senate had some difficulty to secure a quorum at the first night sitting of the session called for the purpose of proceeding with the Swayne impeachment trial. At 8:55, when 48 senators had responded to roll call, the vote was taken on the admission of the tabulated statement showing payments of federal judges on account of expenses. The vote was adverse to the proposition.

After offering a few other documents Higgins announced that the case was closed for the defense. Only two witnesses were called in rebuttal. A few papers were presented by the prosecution and at 9:20 Palmer announced the termination of the presentation of testimony.

The argument for the prosecution was commenced by Olmstead and when he had finished the senate adjourned.

### ARREST STANFORD STUDENTS.

### Twenty Students Arrested for Disturbing Meeting.

Stanford University, Feb. 23.—Warrants were issued today for the arrest of 20 prominent Stanford students charged with disturbing a theatrical performance Tuesday night at Palo Alto. The offense was free and continuous joshing of the actors. The identity of the students for whom warrants were issued was not disclosed.

### California Legislature.

Sacramento, Feb. 23.—The senate today passed the bill receding the Yosemite valley to the United States.